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Jackling British Embassy read text letter from Adenauer to Macmillan passed Lloyd yesterday in advance actual delivery. Letter expressed Adenauer's extreme concern for Germany and Free World. As von Brentano informed three ambassadors Adenauer's talk with Smirnov did not lessen this concern. Chancellor hoped that UK would consider making a representation in Moscow as to fateful consequences of act Soviets contemplate, putting strongly to Smirnov bad effect Soviet actions would have on Surprise Attack and Nuclear Testing negotiations. Western Powers should leave nothing undone to prevent the threatened Soviet action which if unchecked might result in avalanche. told German Ambassador Lloyd/~~sent~~ his Government would give immediate and serious consideration to letter. Assured that no weakening in UK position, that British memo should be looked upon as an exploration of all possibilities. As soon as Soviet position became clear discussions should be held in Bonn.

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British Foreign Office thereafter sent ~~the~~ instructions to Moscow that Adenauer's letter indicated that British should make demarche to Soviets. Though there was no objection to consultation there was no time if delivery was to be certain to precede communication from Soviets. Message from Macmillan to Khrushchev was accordingly to be given to Soviets as soon as possible.

Text of Macmillan message follows:

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